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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: WA, SF, PORG  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: WESTERN FIVE RESPONSE TO SWAPO  
REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES ON WALVIS BAY

REF: SECTO 03079

1. I AM CONCERNED THAT THE PROPOSED STATEMENT ON WALVIS  
BAY (REFTTEL) AS IT NOW STANDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE  
SAG AS A SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM THE POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN  
UP TO NOW. FOURIE HAS EMPHASIZED TO US ON SEVERAL  
OCCASIONS THE CRITICAL NATURE OF THE ISSUE AND VORSTER'S  
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INTENSE SENSITIVITY TO IT. WHILE THE STATEMENT DOES NOT  
DIRECTLY ENDORSE THE SWAPO CLAIM TO WALVIS BAY FOR  
NAMIBIA, IT WILL BE READ AS GIVING THAT CLAIM CREDENCE.  
PARTICULARLY IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY REFERENCE TO  
THE SAG POSITION, THE SAG WIL ASSERT IT VIOLATES PREVIOUS  
WESTERN NEUTRALITY ON THE QUESTION.

2. IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE ADVERSE SOUTH AFRICAN REACTION,  
I RECOMMEND THAT THE CONTACT GROUP CONSIDER AMENDING THE  
FIRST TICK IN THE PROPOSED STATEMENT TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"--WHILE THE SOUTH AFRICAN CLAIM TO WALVIS BAY IS BASED  
ON CERTAIN HISTORIC AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS, WE ARE NOT PREPARED  
TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE COMPLEX CLAIMS OF THE PARTIES".

3. THIS CHANGE WOULD BALANCE THE STATEMENT'S  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE BASIS FOR SWAPO'S CLAIM FOR  
INCLUDING WALVIS BAY AS PART OF NAMIBIA AND THUS BE  
MORE EVEN HANDED.  
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